

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-7 are now pending in this application. Claim 2 has been canceled. Each of the pending claims is believed to define an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Claim 2 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Claims 3-6 depend from independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom are now in allowable form.

Independent claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 7 is in allowable form.

As each of the pending claims now includes allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art rejections are moot.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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